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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** FOIA HQ  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request: Emails about temporary suspension of EPA contract and grant awards

January 24, 2017  
Environmental Protection Agency  
National Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, DC 20460

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

Any and all emails — sent between Jan. 20, 2017, and the date your office processes this request, inclusive — notifying employees of a temporary suspension of EPA contract and grant awards. Please include full header information; the to, from, cc, and bcc fields; subsequent email forwards; and replies to the emails.

I also request expedited processing. The requested records are urgently needed to inform the public about actual or perceived government activities — namely, a temporary suspension of EPA contract and grant awards that has reportedly been implemented by the incoming presidential administration. The news value of the requested records will be lost without expedited processing.

I am a full-time, professional news reporter whose work regularly appears at The Christian Science Monitor, WGBH News, Teen Vogue, and other outlets. This request is part of the newsgathering process. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by email attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,  
Joshua Eaton

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